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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US OF FRENCH SENATE VICE PRESIDENT

ETIENNE DAILLY

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1. SENATOR ETIENNE DAILLY, MAJOR FRENCH POLITICAL FIGURE AND CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, WILL BE IN THE US FROM FEBRUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 8 IN ORDER TO SET UP DETAILS FOR A CEREMONIAL TRIP HE IS MAKING IN MID-MAY. THE PURPOSE OF THE MAY TRIP IS TO PRESENT BICENTENNIAL GIFTS ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH SENATE TO EACH AMERICAN SENATOR, TO GIVE TO THE US SENATE A SIGNED ORIGINAL OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS, TO ADDRESS THE US SENATE AND TO FURTHER FRENCH/AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. IT WILL BE A MAJOR BICENTENNIAL EFFORT.

2. SENATOR DAILLY IS A MORE IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE THAN HIS TITLE MIGHT INDICATE. A WEALTHY INDUSTRIALIST, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE WHEN ALAIN POHER WAS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF FRANCE AFTER THE DEATH OF GEORGES POMPIDOU IN 1974. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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OF THE SEINE-ET-MARNE DEPARTMENT AND MAYOR OF THE CITY

OF NEMOURS. IN ADDITION, HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH/AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP GROUP IN THE SENATE. AS SUCH, HE IS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN BETTERING FRENCH/AMERICAN RELATIONS.

3. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ETIENNE DAILLY BE RECEIVED AT THE TOP LEVEL IN WASHINGTON. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AND THAT YOUR OFFICE COULD ASSIST IN FIRING UP HIS OTHER APPOINTMENTS. HE IS ALREADY LUNCHING WITH SENATOR HUMPHREY AND SEEING THE MAYOR OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, WITH WHICH HE WISHES TO TWIN THE CITY OF NEMOURS. IN ADDITION, HE HOPES TO SEE VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER IN THE LATTER'S CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SENATE. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER WHOM HE MET DURING THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S TRIP TO PARIS LAST SEPTEMBER. IN ADDITION, UNLESS OTHER CONTACTS ON THE HILL ARE ALREADY BEING ARRANGED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SENATOR HUMPHREY, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF SENATOR DAILLY COULD MEET WITH LEADING SENATORS SUCH AS MANSFIELD, SCOTT, PERCY, SPARKMAN AND WITH SPEAKER CARL ALBERT. ALSO IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR SENATOR DAILLY TO SEE OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH FRENCH/AMERICAN RELATIONS.

4. SENATOR DAILLY, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE US BY HIS WIFE, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. GESTURES OF FRANCO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ON THE PART OF SUCH IMPORTANT LEGISLATORS IN FRANCE ARE RARE, AND IT IS CERTAINLY IN OUR INTEREST TO FACILITATE SENATOR DAILLY'S TRIP IN EVERY WAY WE CAN. I AM DINING WITH SENATOR DAILLY THIS EVENING, AND I HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIM WITH A MORE OR LESS COMPLETED AGENDA, SINCE DAILLY, WHO WILL BE A GUEST OF AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET IN WASHINGTON, WISHED TO PRESENT HIS PROGRAM TO THE AMBASSADOR WELL IN ADVANCE OF HIS OWN ARRIVAL. TIME IS GROWING SHORT, AND I HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE DAILLY THE INFORMATION HE SEEKS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. WARMEST REGARDS.

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